

Appl. No. : 09/901,764
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REMARKS

Prior to entry of the foregoing amendments, Claims 16-19, 25, and 28-44 were pending in the application. Applicants acknowledge and thank the Examiner for the indicated allowability of Claims 16-18 and 28-44 in the Office Action dated May 6, 2004, and in reliance thereon, Applicants have canceled Claims 19 and 25 without prejudice to expedite issuance. Applicants intend to file claims in a continuation application with the subject matter of the canceled claims and respectfully submit that this application has been placed in condition for immediate allowance.

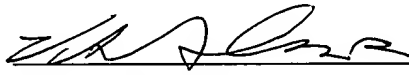
Based on the foregoing, Applicants believe that Claims 16-18 and 28-44 are each in condition for immediate allowance and respectfully request the same. Applicants have endeavored to respond to each issue raised in the Office Action. However, if there remain any unresolved issues that could be resolved via a telephone conference, Applicants invite the Examiner to initiate the same with Applicants' representative at the telephone number shown below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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